

## REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### AGENDA ITEM 9.5 HS2 Update

#### 1 Report

1.1 HS2 have recently circulated the following communication:

*Today the Government has announced the launch of a consultation on 11 proposed changes to the design of Phase 2b, the section of the HS2 route from Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds.*

*These changes are being proposed following design development, environmental assessment, feedback to consultations and ongoing engagement and are a mixture of relocations and realignments, new infrastructure and the introduction of new scope to the HS2 design. The changes only affect sections of the Phase 2b route, however everyone is welcome to respond to the consultation.*

*The Secretary of State will decide whether to include the proposed changes in the Phase 2b design following consideration of the feedback to this consultation.*

*This consultation will close at 23:45 on **6 September 2019**. We invite you to take part.*

#### **List of proposed changes**

*Below is a list of the 11 proposed changes to the Phase 2b design that are being consulted on.*

##### Relocations and Realignments

- 1. Relocation of the Palatine Road vent shaft, West Didsbury, Manchester*
- 2. Relocation of the Lytham Road vent shaft to Birchfields Road, Fallowfield, Manchester*
- 3. Realignment of the route at junction 10 of the M42, North Warwickshire*
- 4. Realignment of the route between Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Diseworth, Leicestershire*
- 5. Realignment of the route at Trowell in Nottinghamshire to avoid the M1*
- 6. Leeds corridor, Woodlesford to Leeds station*

##### New infrastructure

- 7. Railhead and maintenance facility at Ashley, Cheshire*
- 8. Maintenance facility at Austrey, North Warwickshire*
- 9. Railhead at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire*
- 10. Train stabling facility at Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne*

## New scope

### 11. Passive provision for two junctions at High Legh, Cheshire

To access the consultation documents and for details on how to respond, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-design-refinement-consultation>

We are holding a series of public information events near each of the proposed changes, where members of the project team will be available to help answer questions. For details of the events, please visit [www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b](http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b).

Copies of the consultation documents are also being made available at a number of public venues in the vicinity of each proposed change. Details of these venues can also be found at [www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b](http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b).

The website also includes a navigator tool to help identify the location of each of the proposed changes and provide access to detailed plans and visual representations.

If you have any questions related to this consultation, please contact the our **Helpdesk** on **08081 434 434** or email [HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk) at any time.

### **Publication of consultation summary reports**

At the same time as launching the design refinement consultation we have published two reports summarising the feedback received to the working draft Environmental Statement and working draft Equality Impact Assessment Report consultations that we carried out at the end of 2018.

We received almost 40,000 responses to these consultations and we are continuing to take the feedback received into consideration as we further develop the design for Phase 2b.

The two reports summarise the main themes contained in the feedback received and are available via [www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b](http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b).

### **Safeguarding update**

The Secretary of State is also updating Safeguarding Directions for the Phase 2b route to broadly reflect the land that was included within the working draft Environmental Statement now that we know what land we will likely need to acquire. Changes that we are consulting on that may affect what land is ultimately needed are not included in that update. However, Safeguarding is reviewed throughout the project and is updated when necessary to reflect new land requirements. More information on safeguarding and HS2 property schemes is available at: [www.gov.uk/government/collections/safeguarding-information-and-maps-for-hs2](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/safeguarding-information-and-maps-for-hs2)

## **2 Recommendation**

2.1 That the update be noted and any action determined.

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